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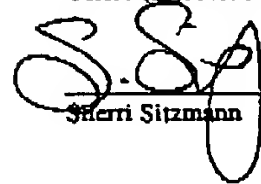
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action of September 20, 2005, the period for response extended to expire after March 20, 2006, for the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully requests entry of the herewith submitted amendments and remarks, as well as the response submitted on December 12, 2005 and the Declarations under 37 CFR 1.132 of Dr. Lloyd D. Clark and Mr. Michael Montgomery submitted therewith. These declarations were not deemed necessary earlier in the prosecution of this application and were therefore not submitted until now. Applicants

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respectfully request consideration of the declarations and reconsideration of the application in light thereof and in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.

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